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by Milton J. (Joe) Coalter

In February, you will receive a ballot for the selection of new board members to ATLA. What do these board members do? It's a natural question to ask when trying to decipher which candidates might best serve the association's goals and the confluence of those goals with the membership's interests.

As you no doubt already know, the board is composed of twelve members, each serving a three-year term. Four members of ATLA are elected to the board each year, and members of the board who have served only one term may be elected for a second term. All board members are volunteers. They receive no remuneration for their services that include at least two meetings per year and duties assigned to further the business of the board between meetings.

The board governs through a form of governance specifically designed for the unique situation that governing boards face. That is that while boards are chosen to oversee the aims, interests and programs of an organization, they gather only occasionally, and then only briefly, to effect this task. Given these circumstance, boards are often at the mercy of their organization's staff for setting their agenda and for locating what are pressing issues because their time is short and their knowledge of the daily operations inevitably more limited than that of the staff.

Another option sometimes followed by boards is to try to micro manage what, in our case, is a million dollar operation in the span of only a few days. The former option makes many boards little more than a rubber stamp for the staff. The latter option frequently disrupts more than it improves, and it invariably leaves little or no time for the board to consider the larger issues of the association's goals, how changes in the environment of the organization require reevaluation of its declared aims or programs and what the future might be. In order to avoid either of these predicaments, a board must seek out a tool that will allow its members in a short amount of meeting time to influence broadly the work of the staff and the organization's various volunteer committees in directions that serve the membership and its collective goals. The ATLA board concluded several years ago that the best instrument for that purpose was policy.

Through policy, the board can quickly and effectively use its understanding of the membership's needs and aims to define the boundaries of what are appropriate programs, products and practices for the association and determine suitable goals to which any one of these association activities must contribute, whether they be led by the staff or member volunteers.

So what does this mean for the election? It means that we need to elect ATLA members who know how to listen to a lot of members rather than simply know a lot of members. Only in this way can the needs and wishes of the membership be fed into the association's policy. It means that we need to elect librarians who know more about the purpose of our vocation, our association and its programs than they may even know about the techniques of the same. Only in this way can the larger aims of our shared action direct the varied actions of our guild. It means also that we need to elect individuals who look beyond any one problem, immediate though it may be, in order to discern the changing environment of theological education, religious studies and the spiritual search for communion with the divine. Only in this way can our association not only run smoothly but also run the good race of satisfying current needs and anticipating future services required by communities and patrons we serve locally.

When your ballot arrives, then, take some time to ponder your choices. Your decision will be difficult because all the candidates have multiple, impressive gifts. Nevertheless, remember always that the gift of listening, the gift of insight into the aspirations of our calling and the gift of a discerning eye for changes in our context are all key to the form of governance our board members practice. 📖

Joe Coalter
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
ATLA President

News of ATLA Members & Member Libraries

The **Divinity Library, Duke University,** is pleased to announce that **Andrew Keck** will become its Electronic Services Librarian on March 1, 1999. He will be responsible for leading the library's efforts in electronic services: web design and development, information resources, and technology use in teaching, learning, and research. Mr. Keck will also serve as one of two reference librarians, offering high-quality information assistance to the library's users at all levels. Further, he will be responsible for overall implementation, supervision, and basic trouble-shooting of the library's computer hardware, software, and electronic resources.

Mr. Keck, currently the Assistant Director and Electronic Services Librarian at the library of Morningside College, has a Master of Theological Studies degree from Boston University School of Theology and a Master of Science in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the American Theological Library Association since 1992. 📖

Roger L. Loyd, Director
Duke University Divinity Library

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Penn State University Press has just published **Suzanne Selinger's** book, *Charlotte von Kirschbaum and Karl Barth: A Study in Biography and the History of Theology.* It is available in both paper and in cloth-bound form. 📖

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In December **Mike Garrett** was appointed the Director of the Library, John T. Christian Library, **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.** Previously, Mr. Garrett was the Divinity Librarian at Beeson Divinity School, Samford University (1995–1998). He is a graduate of Beeson Divinity School (MDiv) and The University of Alabama (MLIS).

The previous director of the John T. Christian Library, Dr. Ken Taylor, has assumed full-time teaching and administrative responsibilities as Professor of Urban Missions (Quarles Chair of Missions) and Director of Supervised Ministry at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. 📖

Changes: If you have moved, changed jobs, have a new e-mail service provider, or anything else that affects your contact information, please notify Carol Jones (cjones@atla.com or 888-665-2852) so that your membership record may be updated.

Announcements

1999 Award for Bibliographical or Indexing Project

The Publication Section of the American Theological Library Association invites applications from bibliographers and indexers in the fields of religious studies/theology, for the 1999 grant-in-aid award of $1,200. The scope and subject matter are broadly conceived, with the intent of encouraging bibliographical and indexing work at all levels, especially by persons undertaking their first major bibliographical study or indexing project. Projects from article to multi-volume length, reflecting research in the full range of religious/theological disciplines are appropriate for consideration. ATLA reserves first rights of publication for all projects receiving grants.

The application deadline is May 17, 1999. The winners will be selected by the steering committee of the Publication Section at the ATLA Conference in June. Applications should contain (1) date, applicant's name, address, telephone number, current position, professional experience and educational background; (2) a description of the project in not more than two typewritten pages including title, purpose, scope, size, format, organization and methodology, an anticipated date of completion, a proposed expense budget (listing other anticipated sources of financial assistance); (3) two letters of references, one from a person acquainted with the applicant's general bibliographical competence, the other from a person acquainted with the applicant's specific project.

Inquiries, applications and letters of reference should be referred to: Karen L. Whittlesey, Director of Member Services, ATLA, 820 Church Street, Suite 400, Evanston, IL 60201-5613. Telephone: (847) 869-7788. Fax: (847) 869-8513. E-mail: kwhittle@atla.com.

Application Deadline is May 17, 1999. 📖

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Beth or Conseil: What's in a Name?

October 31, 1998—The last General Assembly of the "Conseil International," held in Krakow, tackled once more the problems linked with the official name of the institution that coordinates the various national associations of theological libraries operating in Europe. After many non-concluding discussions, this meeting in Poland decided to propose a modification of the official name: instead of the term until now established by the Statutes as "Conseil International des Associations de Bibliothèques de Théologie" (together with the English and German version) a new term will be used: BETH: Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie.

The proposal is, for the moment, only provisional—the name being part of the Statutes (art. 1), any change has to be announced to the members of the Assembly at least two months before the date of the meeting (art. 14. 1). Hence, if you are convinced you have a better idea, you are warmly invited to make other suggestions.

The main reasons for the change are the following:

1. The use of the existing name proved rather impractical, at least in its full wording, while the abbreviated form did not cover the true nature of the association: "The Conseil" could indeed mean anything. In this age of rapid communication we are convinced that we need an especially concise name—one that is easily remembered—therefore we opted finally for the acronym BETH.
2. The term "international" certainly reflected the initial aspirations of the founders of the Conseil to " . . . make a contribution to the progress of theological libraries, especially those established in the developing nations" (art. 3. 1. c). In spite of several attempts in this direction, the Conseil is actually limited to the territories of the European Continent. Therefore, it seems more logical to introduce the term "European" in the name.
3. The membership of the Conseil is not exclusively reserved for associations; single libraries can be and are indeed members of it. Therefore the name includes the more general term

of bibliothèques.

We were not able to find an acronym that would refer to the three languages used within the group (English, French and German); therefore we opted for the acronym with a Hebrew flavor: BETH.

The next general Assembly will definitively decide upon this modification, but in the meantime we will start using the new one, in order to get familiar with it. In any case the terminology of "Conseil . . ." will be maintained as a subtitle. 📖

A. J. Geuns
President of BETH
Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie

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World Christianity Web Site

The ATLA World Christianity Interest Group is developing a Web site and Web-searchable database that will help to promote increased cooperative documentation of world Christianity. If your library has a "significant or growing collection" related to world Christianity, please fill out and submit the form found at http://www.library.yale.edu/div/wcigform.htm (one form per institution please). 📖

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Hymnody and Psalmody Web Site

A group of ATLA members has been developing a *Hymnody & Psalmody Web Site,* which will eventually reside on the ATLA server and be linked to the ATLA homepage. A draft version of this Web site is now available for your perusal. We would be glad to hear comments and suggestions for the site. The draft version is found at http://www.yale.edu/a d h o c / r e s e a r c h _ resources/hymn1.htm. The Web site includes a form

for submission of information about additional hymnal or psalter collections. 📖

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Historic Sheet Music Web Site

The Digital Scriptorium of the Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library at Duke University is pleased to announce the availability of the Historic American Sheet Music Web site. The result of over a year of work by project staff and Duke University students, the site includes digital images of over 16,000 pages of sheet music from 3042 pieces published in the United States between 1850 and 1920.

The selection presents a significant perspective on American history and culture. The sheet music chosen for digital reproduction represents a wide variety of music types including bel canto, minstrel songs, protest songs, sentimental songs, patriotic and political songs, plantation songs, Civil War songs, spirituals, dance music, songs from vaudeville and musicals, "Tin Pan Alley" songs, and songs from World War I. The collection is particularly strong in antebellum Southern music, Confederate imprints, and Civil War songs. Also included are piano music of marches, variations, opera excerpts, and dance music, including waltzes, quadrilles, polkas, etc.

A rich Encoded Archival Description (EAD) database of information about the music is searchable and browsable in a variety of ways, and the site includes background information about the music itself as well as the social, cultural, and political events that shaped the songs and that are depicted in the pieces. Also included is technical information helpful to those considering or planning digital imaging projects.

The images and database information were created as part of the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition and will become part of the Library of Congress' American Memory site early next year.

Visit the Historic American Sheet Music Web

site at: http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/sheetmusic/. 📖

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**Presbyterian Journal Indexes
and Bibliographies**

The William Smith Morton Library of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, would like to make available the following reference works to the ATLA Community: *Index to the Union Seminary Magazine and Union Seminary Review, 1889–1946* (741pp; $10); *John Calvin and Reformed Protestantism: A Catalogue of 16th-and early 17th-Century Imprints in the Library of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia* (38pp; $3); *The Virginia Evangelical and Literary Magazine: An Index to the Monthly Magazine of John Holt Rice* (68pp.; $3); and *Building a Pastor's Library* (202pp.; $5). These works have been prepared by library staff; the titles are sent post-free. Orders should be directed to Fran Eagan, William Smith Morton Library, Union-PSCE, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227. 📖

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Upcoming AJL Conference

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) is holding its 34th Annual Conference June 20–23, 1999 in Boca Raton, FL. Contact: Malka Schyndel, Convention Chair, Florida Atlantic University, Wimberly Library, POB 3092, Boca Raton, FL 33431-3092. E-mail: schyndel@ fau.edu. 📖

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Northeast Document Conservation Center Presents *Preservation Options in a Digital World: To Film or To Scan*

A Workshop on Preservation Microfilming and Digital Imaging of Paper-Based Materials May 11–13, 1999 at the Denver Public Library, 10 West Four-teenth Avenue Parkway, Denver, Colorado. The workshop is funded in part by the National Endowment for Humanities and is hosted by the Denver Public Library.

As we approach and enter the 21st century, digital technologies will have a profound impact on the way institutions provide access to information. But will digitization also become a tool of the preservation community? NEDCC's reformatting workshop will address this question.

The workshop will explore two reformatting technologies: preservation microfilming and digital imaging. The similarities and marked differences of the technologies will be compared and evaluated. The faculty will discuss lessons learned from preservation microfilming projects that can be applied to digital imaging projects.

The workshop is designed to train project administrators in institutions to plan, implement, and manage reformatting projects. Instruction will focus on decision-making skills. Compliance with national standards and RLG guidelines for preservation microfilming will be emphasized and the "best practice" for digital projects will be discussed. It is not a technician-training program. The program teaches skills for:

- planning reformatting projects
- selecting and preparing materials
- microfilm technology
- introductory digital imaging technology
- inspection and quality control
- evaluating digital imaging for preservation

Presented by: Susan Wrynn, Director of Reprographic Services, Northeast Document Conservation Center; Paul Conway, Head, Yale University Libraries; Becky Ryder, Preservation Librarian, University of Kentucky; Bob Mottice, President, Mottice Micrographics, Inc.; and a guest speaker.

Registration Information
The cost of the workshop is $250. Attendance is limited to eighteen participants accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The number of applicants from one institution will be limited. The registration fee of $250 includes a copy of Introduction to Imaging, by Howard Besser & Jennifer Trant.

For more complete information on the work-

shop including the agenda and registration form, contact Gay Tracy at tracy@nedcc.org or call 978-470-1010 ext. 217. 📖

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Free Classic Books Now Available Online

As a new public service to libraries, literature and literacy groups, and book lovers around the world, The 1stBooks Library is now offering hundreds of classic books in 'virtual' format—free of charge.

For those still unfamiliar with the term, virtual books are not physical objects made of paper and ink; instead, they are books that can be downloaded from the Internet as data files directly to the computers of millions of readers around the world from the following Web location: http://www.1stbooks.com/?freebooks.

Virtual books are especially good for libraries and literature groups for many reasons. Virtual books are available in unlimited quantities, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. They are never "checked out" or "overdue." Archiving and preservation of virtual books is a snap. They never need to be repaired or re-shelved. A book of 1,000 pages can be stored in less space than a postage stamp.

Many readers report they can copy and paste key passages from virtual books directly to book reports . . . without re-typing. They can also use the built-in search functions of their word processors or Web browsers to locate specific references within a book, run word counts, and many other capabilities not available in printed books.

1stbooks is listed as the world's #1 online library by many major Internet services, such as America Online, Excite, Netscape and Webcrawler.

This online library offers hundreds of classics that are often considered staples of literature and literacy. By early 1999, it will offer more than a thousand such titles. Best of all, classic titles are absolutely free to libraries and literature and literacy

groups! A few examples include:

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain,
Aeropagitica by John Milton,
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy M. Montgomery,
Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne,
Battle of the Books by Jonathan Swift,
Civil Disobedience by Henry David Thoreau,
The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln,
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad,
Idylls of the King by Tennyson,
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott,
A Treatise on Good Works by Martin Luther,
The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

. . . and hundreds of other titles.

Librarians and members of organizations that focus on literature and literacy are invited to visit The 1stBooks Library, and to notify others who might benefit from virtual books.

P.S. More than 500 additional titles will be added early in 1999, so please check back often for new offerings. 📖

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Conference News & Information

Welcome to Chicago!

There's nothing quite like Lake Michigan in June. The 1998 ATLA Annual Conference will bring you right to Lake Michigan's cool waters, on the Lakeshore Campus of Loyola University Chicago. This second largest of the Great Lakes casts a cool breeze along the lakefront, creating a unique weather zone that we call "cooler by the lake." So, even if the weather is hot, we'll enjoy the lake's moderating effect. Plan to bring a light jacket to wear during the evening.

We will be staying at Loyola's Simpson Center, which is right in the heart of the campus. Conference accommodations, meals, coffee breaks, exhibits, registration, Internet stations, and some meetings will be located in this building. The Simpson Center is one of Loyola's newest dormitory complexes, with its own cafeteria, computer center with ten Internet-connected workstations, telephones in every guest room, and laundry facilities on every floor. Many guest rooms have views of the lake. As the only group using this facility during our conference, we will enjoy a retreat-like atmosphere—conversations will arise spontaneously in the lobby, hallways, and dining room, where you'll meet only other ATLA people. Families with children will be welcome to stay in Loyola's accommodations. We will also provide a variety of hotel options in Chicago's downtown area and nearby Evanston, easily accessible to Loyola by public transportation.

The opening reception on Wednesday evening will take place in a beautiful room whose picture windows look onto a panoramic vista of Lake Michigan, and whose doors open onto a lakefront lawn with patio seating. A quartet of musicians who are also local librarians will serenade us with Chicago jazz while we enjoy an idyllic evening of conversation with colleagues and friends.

Most of our meeting rooms are located within one or two campus blocks of the Simpson Center. The campus is easy to navigate, and we will place directional signs to guide your way to meetings. We will also provide an ample supply of campus maps so that finding your way should be easy. We will have morning worship in Loyola's Madonna della Strada chapel. Among those presiding at worship will be the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George.

On Friday afternoon and evening we are planning some formal and informal recreational activities in Chicago. We will offer an architectural dinner cruise along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, narrated by staff of the Chicago Architecture Foundation, where you can see and discover the history of the innovative buildings for which the city is famous. This cruise will include a sumptuous hot buffet dinner. After the cruise, some groups will go to the free Chicago Gospel Music Festival in downtown Grant Park. One of the Interest Groups will go on a guided tour of the Gerber/Hart library and enjoy dinner together. We will organize many other opportunities for dining and entertainment, and will provide information for individuals or small groups to plan their own outings. Public transportation is very easily accessible from the Loyola University campus.

The banquet will be held at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, which is located forty miles northwest of the city in Mundelein, IL. In the 19th century the seminary was located in downtown Chicago where the "Lake" in its name referred to Lake Michigan. The current location of the campus includes St. Mary's Lake and several hundred acres of forest. We have planned some time for you to enjoy the setting and tour the library before the banquet begins.

The Education Committee, the Annual Conference Committee, the Local Host Committee, and ATLA staff have all been working diligently for over a year in planning the next annual conference. We are sure you will find it a pleasant and enjoyable experience. We are looking forward to seeing you "down by the Lake" in June! 📖

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Conference Program, Fees, & Accommodations

The 1999 ATLA Annual Conference, "Members Engaged in Leadership," will be in Chicago June 9–12, 1999, on the lakeshore campus of Loyola University Chicago. ATLA and the Association of Chicago Theological Schools will be your conference co-hosts.

Conference Program

While the conference program is not complete, a preliminary conference schedule and program is now available on our conference Web site: http://www.atla.com/conference/ and will be updated regularly.

Conference Highlights

Plenary Addresses

"Theology and Virtual Reality"
Susan Thistlethwaite, President, Chicago Theological Seminary
"Serving the Religious Information Needs of the Public"
Mary Dempsey, Commissioner, Chicago Public Library
"Redefining Librarianship as a Profession"
Richard Danner, Senior Associate Dean for Library and Computing & Research Professor of Law, Duke University

Roundtables

Acquisition Sources on the Internet
Active Participation in ATLA
Christian Hymnody—Developing Collections and Promoting Their Use
Contemporary Religious Literature
Culture & Technology of the Book
Database Clean-up
Internet Use Policies
Reality Beyond a Collection Development Policy
Reference Librarians' Shop Talk
Sharing Local Authority Work Procedures

Papers & Presentations

"Mounting Archival Finding Aids on the Web"
Martha Lund Smalley, Yale Divinity School Library
"The Patriarchal Library and Archives of Constantinople"
George Papademetriou, Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
"Hard Copy & Beyond: Considering the E-Reserve Option"
David Stewart, Princeton Theological Seminary
"Library Assessment and Accreditation Expectations"
Margaret Sullivan, College Consulting Network, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Pre-Conference Continuing Education

"Introduction to Judaica Cataloging"
Shoshanah Seidman, University of Chicago
"Constructing Web Sites for Bibliographic Instruction"
Kirk Moll, Dickinson College
Julie Bockenstedt, Dickinson College
"Judaica Reference"
Daniel Stuhlman, Hebrew Theological College
"Issues in Religion/Theology Cataloging"
Elvirita Estampador Gildea, Library of Congress
"ATS Accreditation Review Training"
Daniel Aleshire, Association of Theological Schools
"Introduction to Theological Reference"
Barry Hamilton, United Theological Seminary

Conference Registration Fees

Registration information and printed Conference Programs will be sent to all ATLA members in the last week of February. Secure online registration and payment through ATLA's Web site will be available March 1, 1999.

Registration fees for the full conference:

	Until May 1/After May 1
ATLA individual members:	$95/$145
ATLA institutional member representatives:	$95/$145
ATLA student, honorary, and retired members:	$45/$45
Non-members:	$190/$240

Registration fees for one conference day:

	Until May 1/After May 1
ATLA individual members:	$50/$75
ATLA institutional member representatives:	$50/$75
ATLA student, honorary, and retired members:	$25/$25
Non-members:	$100/$150

Non-member spouses/partners of registered members may register for regular conference programs at no cost (additional fees apply to attend pre-conference sessions, the architectural river cruise, and the banquet).

Fees for pre-conference continuing education (June 9), the architectural river cruise, and the closing banquet will be announced in late February.

Accommodations and Meals

Conference housing and meals will be in Loyola's Simpson Living & Learning Center, a new dormitory and cafeteria with many modern amenities, including phones in every sleeping room, laundry on every floor, lounges with kitchenettes on every floor, and a computer cluster with ten internet-connected workstations. All sleeping rooms are organized in clusters of two or three rooms dedicated to one bathroom (you will need to walk only three or four steps in "public" space to reach your bathroom). Three daily meals in the Simpson cafeteria are included in the cost of accommodations. You may stay for only one night at Loyola; there is no required minimum stay.

Families and children under adult supervision are welcome to stay at the Simpson Center. The dormitory will house men and women in separate wings, except for one area that will house mixed-sex families.

Accommodations and meals at Loyola's Simpson Center will cost:
- $60 per person per night for a double room (shared bathroom) and three meals
- $80 per person per night for single room (shared bathroom) and three meals

Those staying off-site may purchase individual meals in the cafeteria. For those wishing to stay off-site, ATLA will provide a variety of hotel options; however, there is no hotel within easy walking distance of the Loyola campus. Parking will be available on campus for $3 per day. There will be no commuter fee for those staying off campus.

More details about registration and housing will be available soon. Please visit ATLA's conference Web site frequently for additional information. We look forward to seeing you this June! 📖

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On-Site Inspection

On-Site Evaluation of Member Services

Each year the Board of Directors call for an on-site inspection of the Association's headquarters work in Evanston. These inspections focus on the chief aspects of the life of ATLA including services to members (both personal and institutional), the ten products (indexes) which ATLA produces each year, and the staff in Evanston mainly responsible for carrying out these duties. These inspections of member services, products and personnel are carried out on a three-year rotation. This was the year for member services. The monitoring committee is made up of three Board members and is led by the Vice President of the Board.

The committee this year was composed of Melody Mazuk, Eileen Saner, and Dottie Thomason, who served as chair. The committee arrived on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, and met briefly after dinner to organize the material received from the staff and reflect on an appropriate approach to the inspection for Thursday. The inspection team met on Thursday with each member of the Member Services Department individually as well as with the Executive Director, Dennis Norlin. The team wrote a summary evaluation of what they saw, observed, and reflected upon and presented it at the meeting of the Board of Directors at the Mid-Winter Board meeting the next morning, January 15.

The team's study of the ATLA Board of Directors Handbook prior to the evaluation led it to believe that there were no pre-established policies or performance criteria for Member Services. Consequently they were left to evaluate to what extent the activities of Member Services were successful in achieving the organizational ends of ATLA, i.e.

1. did their activities foster professional growth and effectiveness;
2. did their activities advance the profession of theological librarianship;
3. did their activities stimulate purposeful collaboration among theological librarians?

The reports from Executive Director, Dennis Norlin, the new Director of Member Services, Karen Whittlesey, the summary conference evalua-tion prepared by Karen Anderson, as well as the oral reports from all these folks as well as from Margret Tacke, Editor of Publications, and Carol Jones, Member Representative, showed the team the deep commitment to excellence which the staff has in service to ATLA members. Lack of concrete evidence to the contrary led us to conclude that the membership of ATLA is generally satisfied with the services provided by the Member Services staff. All of their activities contribute to the organizational ends. No groups within ATLA are being intentionally ignored. Some underserviced groups are being addressed. The staff also has ideas on how to reactivate some programs that served well in the past.

ATLA is blessed with a very dedicated and talented Member Services staff. The new director, Karen Whittlesey, is off to a wonderful start and will be able to provide the Association's members with thoughtful, insightful, and forceful leadership. Dennis Norlin, who as Executive Director was also Interim Director of Members Services for six months until Karen came on board in July, 1998, can especially appreciate the shoes Karen fills. All of these fine folks are appreciated for their dedication and work for ATLA. 📖

Dottie Thomason, Vice-President
ATLA Board of Directors

Nominating Committee Report

As reported in the August 1998 *ATLA Newsletter* (v.45 no.5), the ATLA Nominating Committee has named a slate of seven candidates to run for the four vacancies on the Board of Directors. The term is 1999–2002. Ballots and biographical data will be mailed to all voting members (individual and institutional) not later than February 15, 1999. Ballots must be returned postmarked not later than April 1, 1999.

Those who may vote are institutional representatives, personal members whose current year's dues have been paid by February 1, and retired members. Personal members who are also institutional representatives will receive two ballots. If you believe you are entitled to vote but have not received a ballot by March 1, please contact Carol Jones, Member Representative, at (888) 665-2852 or e-mail her at cjones@atla.com.

Ballots will be counted during April and the results reported to the Secretary of the association, Christopher Brennan, by May 1, 1999.

Here is an outline of dates:

February 1	Dues must be paid in order to receive a ballot
February 15	Ballots and biographical data mailed
March 1	Contact Carol Jones if you should have received a ballot but did not
April 1	Postmark deadline for completed ballots
April	Ballots counted by Tellers Committee
May 1	Results reported to Secretary of the Association

The candidates (whose order on the ballot was determined by random drawing) are:

- *Sharon Taylor,* Director, Franklin Trask Library, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA
- *Sara J. Myers,* Director, Ira J. Taylor Library, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO
- *Stephen Crocco,* Speer Library, Princeton, NJ
- *William J. Hook,* Director, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN
- *Roberta Schaafsma,* Associate/Reference Librarian, Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, NC
- *Allen W. Mueller,* Director, Wesley Theological Seminary Library, Washington, DC
- *Darren G. Poley,* Technical Services, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

The chair of the Nominating Committee is David Bundy; Richard Berg and Dorothy G. Thomason are the other members. 📖

ATLA Annual Conferences

June 9–12, 1999
Chicago, IL
Association of Chicago Theological Schools Library Council

June 21–24, 2000
Berkeley, CA
Graduate Theological Union

June, 2001
Durham, NC
Duke Divinity Library

Grants

Four Continuing Education Grants Awarded

The ATLA Education Committee awarded four grants in January, ranging from $200 to $750 each. The recipients are as follows, together with brief descriptions of their grant proposals.

The Minnesota Theological Library Association plans a half-day workshop on "Metadata and the Dublin Core." The event is projected to draw up to thirty-five attendees, which, in the case of two institutions, will include some staff from a related library on campus. Among issues to be addressed in this workshop are the effects of the Dublin Core on access to Internet resources, and the implications of the Dublin Core for theological libraries.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) plans two identical full-day workshops on "Book Repair for Circulating Collections." The workshop will include hands-on instruction and each day should draw twelve participants from member libraries. The proposed presenter is a conservator and hand bookbinder. In accord with SEPTLA's proposal, approximately half the cost is to be covered by the grant.

With its grant, the St. Louis Theological Consortium plans to meet at the Missouri Botanical Garden Library for a presentation about natural products and recycled materials in the construction of a building. The topic is timely for several Consortium members. The Monsanto Research Center, which houses the Garden's library and research collections, is renowned for the materials and methods involved in its recent construction.

The Tennessee Theological Library Association (TTLA) anticipates a three-part presentation by the head of Yale University's Preservation Department. The topic is "Digitization in Preservation," and will embrace definition, role, and application, with the focus resting on issues concerning digitization for the theological library. In accord with TTLA's proposal, the grant will cover a portion of costs incurred.

The ATLA Education Committee hereby encourages other regional theological library associations or ad hoc groupings of ATLA member libraries to begin planning now toward submitting a grant application by December 1, 1999. The August 1998 *ATLA Newsletter* has more information on this rela-

tively simple process. 📖

James C. Pakala, Chair
ATLA Education Committee

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Request for Proposals

The John Templeton Foundation is pleased to announce a competition for six $100,000 awards to support sabbatical research and writing on the constructive interface between science and religion in the 21st century. Applications are encouraged from talented, research-focused writers representing any and all religious traditions, as well as non-religious thinkers. Successful applicants will have demonstrated skills in research and writing, exemplifying engaged, well-informed discourse, balanced inquiry, and a humble approach to learning. This awards competition seeks to stimulate outstanding research, writing, and publishing in the broad field of science and religion.

Three topical categories are listed below for the present cycle. Proposals should be submitted in one or more of the following three categories:

1) Evidence of Purpose: Investigations at the constructive interface of science and religion which are focused broadly on the subject of teleology, giving evidence of purpose and meaning in relation to cosmological, evolutionary, and human cultural processes.

2) Human Creativity and Understanding: Considerations of the potential and meaning of humanity's accelerating comprehension of reality and expanding creative power with specific concern for moral and spiritual progress.

3) Concepts of God: Theological and philosophical investigation of the relationship between God and World, especially which integrate scientific insights and perspectives.

Application deadlines:

- Letters of Inquiry: January 4, 1999.
- Full Applications: May 3, 1999.

- Grants Announced: September 3, 1999.

Type categories

1. Professional scholarly books
2. Non-professional books for popular audiences

An important criteria of merit is effective dissemination of the work in the form of chapters published in scholarly journals and distinguished magazines.

Objectives of the project
and the "humble approach"

The main aspect of vision and mission of the John Templeton Foundation is to pursue research at the boundary between theology and science through rigorous, open-minded and empirically focused methodologies, drawing together talented representatives from a wide spectrum of fields of expertise. This has been described as the "humble approach." Typically it seeks to focus the methods and resources of scientific inquiry on topical areas which have religious and theological significance ranging across the disciplines from cosmology to health care. The Foundation sponsors a wide variety of project initiatives pursuing the "humble approach" in basic research, in pedagogy, in promoting high-level dialog, and by awarding prizes for excellence in research, writing, and teaching. Envisioned by Sir John Templeton especially is the possibility of multiplying many aspects of spiritual information, insight, and wisdom through the appropriate application of scientific research methods, as well as by encouraging enthusiasm for an open, questing, scientific attitude within religious communities exemplified in the adage, "how little we know, how eager to learn." The specific purpose of this program is to stimulate writing of highly innovative and high quality books that exemplify the open research-focused mode of multifaceted inquiry that characterizes the "humble approach." Further information describing the donor intent for the John Templeton Foundation may be found in: (i) The Humble Approach (1995, 2nd edition forthcoming) by John Marks Templeton; Worldwide Laws of Life (1997) by John Marks Templeton; and on the Foundation's Web site at http://www.templeton.org.

Application guidelines:

(i) This program is likely to be highly competitive. Interested persons are encouraged not to apply if their preparation and record of publication is not at a very high level of accomplishment.

(ii) Applications will be considered from single authors as well as from teams of two or more authors working together. Proposals should identify which category the proposal is being submitted under and whether the proposal is for a 'professional' or a 'popular' book.

(iii) The use of prize monies is unrestricted to the prizewinner.

Specific budgeting is not required. However, applicants should describe briefly how they would plan to utilize the prizes in terms of a prospective timeline for their research and writing. Prizes can be awarded to sponsoring institutions, if desired. In such cases, overhead will not be paid beyond 10% of the sum of salary plus benefits.

(iv) The desired form of application is described below:

Letter of Inquiry: Interested parties should prepare a letter of not more than three pages single-spaced describing the book they propose to write. A detailed CV summary of not more than three pages should be attached. This should include references to previous articles and books written by the author(s) of the proposed book. Screening of initial letters is provided to alleviate wasted effort by applicants unlikely to succeed in the competition. Invitations for full applications will be sent to a reduced number of applicants whose accomplishments and proposed book idea inspires a sense of extraordinary promise to a screening committee of distinguished expert reviewers. The deadline for letters of inquiry is January 4, 1999. Ten copies of all materials must be provided.

Full Proposals: Applicants who are invited to submit full proposals must demonstrate a deep, innovative, well-informed and intellectually profound engagement with the topic on which they propose to write. Full proposals should be not more than 10 pages in length, single-spaced. These should include: (i) an executive summary; (ii) a detailed overview of the aims and purpose of the book; (iii) an index/outline noting the topics to be covered with brief notes; and (iv) a publication plan with a description

of the target audiences the book is intended to reach. Last, proposals should include an appended full and detailed CVs plus lists of publications for all authors. Ten copies of all materials must be submitted. Additional attachments of relevant published work are encouraged. The deadline for full proposals is May 1, 1999. Awards will be announced by September 1, 1999.

Terms of award:

1. $75,000 upon the initial award of the prize
2. $15,000 upon acceptance for publication by the publisher
3. $10,000 upon documentation of book sales in excess of 2000 volumes.

For further information, go to http://

www.templeton.org/book-rfp or send e-mail to book-rfp@templeton.org. Please no phone calls. Letters of Inquiry should be sent to: Book RFP, John Templeton Foundation, 100 Matsonford Rd., Suite 100, Radnor, PA 19087. 📖

Indexing "Mother Theresa"

How Can You Index "Mother Theresa"?: The Pitfalls of Cataloguing Specific Terms of the Roman Catholic Church
by André Geuns

ACOLIT: a recent authority list on the bible, the official organisms of the Roman Catholic Church and the papacy.

ACOLIT, vol. i: Bibbia, Chiesa Cattólica, Curia Romana, Stato Pontíficio, Vaticano, Papi e Antipapi = Bible, Catholic Church, Roman Curia, Papal State, Vatican, Popes and Antipopes; Published by *ABEI;* Editorial Staff: Mauro Guerrini, Paola Pieri, Fausto Ruggeri, Luciano Tempestini; Milano: Editrice Bibliografica, 1989. lxi, 385 p. ISBN 88-7075-498-7. Price: Lit. 100.000, -.

A recent issue of the periodical published by French colleagues *(Bulletin de l'Association des Bibliothèques Ecclésiastiques de France)* mentions a striking "example" of cataloguing that indicates the intricate situations a librarian sometimes has to resolve, causing him quite some headache: a recent pamphlet issued by Pax Christi, the Roman Catholic organ for the promotion of peace in the world, has been described as follows: Family Name: **Pax**;

Baptismal name: **Christi**! You will easily understand that this is not an example to be imitated.

And how do we catalogue a text written by the actual Pope? Do we describe its author as Joannes Paulus II, Johannes Paulus II (mind the variant of only one letter but in the catalogue both terms would logically be arranged under separate headings), or still Giovanni Paolo II, Jean Paul II, Johann Paul II, Juan Pablo, or finally John Paul II? But before he was destined to the throne of Peter, the same author published as well under the name of Karol Wojtyla.

And Mother Theresa of Calcutta is universally known as Mother Theresa or still Theresa of Calcutta. And only a happy few will remember her original name before entering into religious life. The cataloguing of liturgical documents has also its proper peculiar problems. What is for instance the precise term for Breviary, known as well as Breviarium, Opus Divinum, or more recent indicated as "The Liturgy of the Hours"? The recent ATLA conferences regularly dedicate space and time to try to resolve the numerous traps set by the indexing of these liturgical documents.

One could infinitely prolong this list of puzzles that the librarian or the library-user might encoun-

ter in his daily job. The reasons for the variety of possible solutions adopted during the cataloguing-practice are numerous indeed: they might be of linguistic order, literary convention or practice and even imposed by the intention to "hide" the true author's name (anonymous). How can we canalize the onomastic and editorial multiplicity in a coordinated and more unified procedure? In the recent past, many efforts have already been undertaken in order to find a coherent (at least, as much as possible) answer to these numerous question marks; in particular, as a consequence of the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles, organized by IFLA in October 1961, in a particular way dedicated to the choice and form of the cataloguing heading for authors. Numerous authority lists for the control of names are now already available: CD *MARC Names, the LC Authorities File* and the *Library of Congress Name Authorities File* (U.S.A.); *Les notices d'autorité de BN—Opale sur CD-ROM* (B.N. France); *Personennamen des Mittelalters (PMA)* and the *Personennamen der Antike (PAN)* (Germany).

In spite of all these efforts there still remains a blank spot concerning the headings of terms belonging to the Bible, official liturgical documents and the variant world of Roman Catholic institutions such as the organs of the Vatican Curia, the names of the Popes as well as Antipopes, Religious Orders and Congregations and the more recent so-called Secular Institutes.

In 1994 the Italian Association of Ecclesiastical Libraries (ABEI) took the courageous decision to charge a working group of six persons with the elaboration of an ambitious project, under the patronship of Mauro Guerrini, Professor of Library Science at the University of Udine in Northern Italy. After five years of coordinated and perseverant efforts, the first volume of the final product has now become available and has been baptized ACOLIT, an acronym that stands for **A**utori **C**attólici et **O**pere **LIT**urgiche. Its programme is quite ambitious and—according to the information offered by Guerrini in his introduction—tries to cover the following items:

1) The Bible and its partial editions;
2) The Catholic Church, comprising the names of the institutions, departments and commissions of the Roman Curia (Holy See);

3) The names of the offices of the civil administration of the Papal State, of Vatican City State and of the institutions dependent on it;
4) The names of the popes (from Linus to John Paul II) and of the antipopes;
5) The names of religious communities, institutes, congregations and orders, in particular:

   a) religious institutes;
   b) monastic orders: male (clerical and lay) and female;
   c) conventual canonical orders: male (clerical and lay) and female;
   d) apostolic orders: male (clerical and lay) and female;
   e) congregations of pontifical right and diocesan right: male (clerical and lay) and female;
   f) institutes of community life without public vows of pontifical right and diocesan right: male (clerical) and female;
   g) secular institutes, of mixed pontifical and diocesan right: male (clerical and lay) and female,
   h) autonomous religious communities; with the exclusion of military orders, orders of knighthood and charitable associations of diocesan right;

6) The names of authors whose activities or whose works are connected with Christianity, with particular attention to authors who lived in the medieval period (Fathers of the Church, saints, theologians, bishops);
7) The names of Italian Catholic institutes and a listing of the main international Catholic institutes: associations, agencies, groups, movements, confraternities, universities and educational institutes, seminaries, colleges, bishops' conferences (national and regional), dioceses;
8) The names of the main religious confessions;
9) The titles of anonymous works of religious interests (e.g., *De Imitatione Christi, Dead Sea Scrolls.*)

This long list of treated items clearly indicates that we have to tackle a vast and intricate matter, and its solutions could not be left to the individual discernment of the single cataloguer. The aim of *ACOLIT* is in the first instance to provide the instruments for the identification of an author by es-

tablishing a single preferred heading and referring to it all the variant entries or forms of the terms; secondly to remove all possible confusion between homonyms by adding other data, such as biographical data, professional activity, etc.; and finally by identifying the title of an anonymous work followed by references to its various forms. *ACOLIT* is exclusively aimed at helping the cataloguer or the library user in the choice of the form of the name, and is in the first instance destined for the Italian environment but can be very easily adapted to any other language or culture. In this context it has to be stressed that no longer is Latin to be used as the "universal" language. This is quite a fundamental change from the practice common in numerous catalogues of theological institutions.

The authors of ACOLIT adopt the basic principle that "the choice of the form must be culturally well established, never casual." Logically, they compiled all the listed entries on the basis of the traditional reference works already existing in this field, and rightly so. Hence the product is not falling from an empty sky.

After an extensive and precise introduction by Mauro Guerrini (both in Italian and in English), an ample and up-to-date bibliography (1942–1997) and a legend, the main body of this book is subdivided into three sections:

1. The Bible—redacted by M. Guerrini, with the cooperation of Luciano Tempestini and various Italian biblical experts,
2. The Catholic Church, the Roman Curia, the Pontifical State, the Vatican—redacted by Fausto Ruggeri (secretary of the ABEI), with the help of Vaticanologists, such as Niccolò del Re.
3. The Popes and Antipopes—redacted by Paola Pieri (Library of the Theological Faculty of Central Italy).

Ad 1. The terms included in the first section are arranged in a single sequence, irrespective of whether they belong to the Hebrew, Catholic, Reformed, or Coptic tradition. The linguistic qualifications attached to the Bible in translation can also be used for the partial editions of the Bible and for the regroupings that only have qualifications in Italian, French, English, Latin, Spanish and German.

Ad 2. The departments and offices of the Roman Curia, as the central government of the Catholic Church, are indexed under **Chiesa Cattólica** (and not Holy See, neither Ecclesia Catholica) with preference for the Italian form, unless there exists only an official Latin version.

Example: **Chiesa cattólica.** *Congregazione delle cause dei santi, 1988–*

➤ Congregatio de Causis Sanctorum, 1988–
< Congregazione delle cause dei santi, 1988–
>> **Chiesa cattólica,** *Congregazione per le cause dei santi, 1969–1988*

Ad 3. All variant forms of a pope's name are indexed as blind entries and cross-referenced to a single preferred name. One entry is provided for the works published by a pope during his office as head of the Church, and another for the works written by a pope in a private capacity.

Example: **Gregorio XVI,** *papa*

< Cappellari, Bartolomeo Alberto
< Cappellari, Mauro
< Grégoire XVI, pape
< Gregor XVI, Papst
< Gregorius XVI, papa
< Gregory XVI, pope
>> **Chiesa Cattólica.** *Papa (1831–1846; Gregorio XVI)* per le opere ufficiali.

Example for the antipopes: **Alberto,** *antipapa, 1102*

< Albert, Gegenpapst
< Albert d'Aversa
< Albert de Saint-Lauren
< Albertus, antipapa
< Albertus de Sabina

The entries for the popes are formulated in Italian (preferred heading), French, English, Latin, Spanish and German.

Finally, the order of all entries is alphabetical word for word.

The three main reference-signs used in *ACOLIT* are the following:

> = see (cross-referenced to the preferred

heading);

< = referred from (cross-referenced from the non-preferred heading).

>> = see also (reciprocal cross-reference between entries).

This first volume of *ACOLIT* will be quickly followed by the others, covering the following fields:

- the religious orders and congregations (where it will be demonstrated that the Ordo Fratrum Minorum Capucinorum should not be indexed as "Cappuccino," the world-famous Italian beverage.)
- Liturgical works.
- Anonymous writings.
- The name-list of Catholic authors, and of the saints.

The authority-file for the terms of the religious orders is actually already under revision.

ACOLIT has been awaited for a long time and one can only congratulate our Italian colleagues for having undertaken this strenuous effort, and wish that this important reference-work should find a place in all theological libraries all over the world in order to guarantee a more precise and uniform indexing by the librarians and a more streamlined research by the users. Within the liturgical offices, the function of the acolyte occupies the initial and at the same time lowest degree in the priestly order. On the other hand it is hard to imagine celebrating the Eucharist without the assistance of an altar boy (or in our days also an altar girl). It's not of course the acolyte that will say mass but he or she remains all the same very helpful to its celebration. He is first of all a server.

And that seems to me to be the eminent function of *ACOLIT:* not to provide directly what you are looking for and wanting to read, but to offer an important and indispensable instrument in retracing them, at least if you are keen to avoid confusion and consequently the loss of precious time. *ACOLIT* deserves to find a place in most of the academic theological libraries and ecclesiastical archives. 📖

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Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie

Job Listings Wanted!

ATLA is soliciting job listings for both professional and paraprofessional positions. Send position open announcements to Margret Tacke (email: mtacke@atla.com) and they will be posted on the Web site immediately and in the next newsletter. If you need a librarian, a circulation supervisor, or administrative assistant, we can help you find one!

ATLANTIS Reference Reviews

October Reference Review

On Common Ground: World Religions in America [CD-ROM]. Diana L. Eck and the Pluralism Project at Harvard University. New York: Columbia University Press, c1997. $195.00.

System requirements: Windows: IBM PC or 100% compatible/486 33MHZ processor or better/640x840 256-color display/Double-speed CD-ROM drive/8MB RAM/16-bit sound card with speakers or headphones. Macintosh: 68030 processor or faster/System 7.1 or later/color monitor/double-speed CD-ROM drive/8MB RAM.

On Common Ground is a multi-media CD-ROM that offers both more and less than one might expect to find in printed information sources on world religions. It is in one sense not a traditional reference tool, but it can be used for immediate access to information on—and perhaps a brief experience of—fifteen different religions as they are now practiced in the United States.

According to the accompanying printed booklet, *On Common Ground* "was born as a first response to questions Professor Diana Eck and her students at Harvard University raised in their research as part of the Pluralism Project"—questions fundamentally having to do with how faiths brought to the U.S. by immigrants from other nations are changing the American religious landscape, and how these religions themselves are being affected by their transplantation. The booklet notes that *On Common Ground* is a "work in progress, for religious traditions constantly grow and evolve in each new context."

The introductory page of the program includes audio instructions on how to navigate the CD and presents the user with three sections: "A New Religious Landscape," "America's Many Religions," and "Encountering Religious Diversity." Any of these can be selected as an entrance into the program, depending on the immediate information need or preference of the user. After clicking on one of these, the user finds another introductory page with several choices, including a "movie" and essay relevant to the theme under consideration. I might add that the term "movie" (suggested by a movie camera symbol to click on) is misleading; one is actually presented with a "slide show," a series of still photographs with audio commentary.

The first section, "A New Religious Landscape," displays a map of the United States with eighteen locations pinpointed, including some major cities (this page is where I find the "work in progress" aspect of the program most evident; perhaps a future edition will have more comprehensive coverage). Clicking on a chosen location—for example, Boston—brings up a page, "World Religions in Boston," with choices offered for that page and a brief introductory essay on the city and its religious background; "Regional Maps," area maps pinpointing synagogues, churches, mosques, temples, etc. in the Boston area; "Regional Directory," a listing of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of religious organizations in the Boston area; and "Religious Centers," which displays an already-opened, scrollable list of the sites marked in "Regional Maps." For each religious center there is contact information, where available, a brief descriptive essay, and, in many instances, one or more photographs.

The second section, "America's Many Religions," presents the user with fifteen symbols representing religions now practiced in the United States, plus movie and essay options. The religions covered are: Afro-Caribbean, Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Native Peoples', Pagan, Shinto, Sikh, Taoist, and Zoroastrian (names are those used on this page). Some of these are covered more extensively than others. Clicking on one of the major faiths (Christian, Hindu, Muslim, etc.) and some others (Jain, Sikh) will bring up the following choices on their introductory pages (using Hinduism as an example): "Essays ("Introduction to Hinduism," "Hinduism in America," "The Hindu Experience," "Issues for Hindus in America"); Timelines ("Hinduism in the World," "Hinduism in America"); Multi-Media (movie, "American Hindus" and sound recording, "Hindu Voices" [for some religions there are choices for musical chants]); Profiles (photographs and biographies of representatives of American Hinduism) and Hindu Centers [also found through "Religious Centers" in the section above, "A New Religious Landscape"]. For some of the other faiths (Baha'i, Zoroastrian, for example) there is only one

icon, for the religious centers of that faith; the user can also find some essays with photographs and a choice "For More Information" by using the menu bar at the top of the page.

The third major section is titled "Encountering Religious Diversity." Its introductory page offers two collections of essays and the only multimedia choices in this section. The first collection, "Historical Perspectives," includes thirteen essays with titles such as "Native Americans and Christians" and "Catholic and Jewish Immigration." The second collection, "Today's Challenges," has fifteen essays, with choices such as "Stereotypes and Prejudice" and "Encounter in the Public Schools." The essays I looked at varied from eight to fifteen paragraphs in length—enough to give the user an idea of the subject, but not a truly substantive treatment. They are contained in scrollable boxes that cannot be maximized.

The program has two features that are reached only from the "Resources" choice on the toolbar across the top of the screen: Index and Bibliography. The index is useful for pursuing a topic across several different religions—indeed it seems designed primarily for that purpose. The bibliography is surprisingly extensive given the scope of the work, and should be helpful for further reading and study.

At first encounter *On Common Ground* can seem to present a bewildering variety of choices and paths to follow, but as one becomes more familiar with it, one finds that it is actually very easy to navigate. The choices along the menu bar at the top of the screen allow the user to reach virtually any part of the program within a few steps, and there are quick access links at the side for Home, Retrace, Index, Help, and Quit. On the menu bar there is also a Bookmark feature. At the bottom of the screen there is a button for "Connections," which allows the user to move to topics related to the one currently being looked at. One very helpful feature is the Glossary; clicking on a highlighted word in an essay will produce a small window with a definition of the term.

The overall tone of the work is one of full acceptance of all the religions represented; each one seems painstakingly researched and carefully presented to bring alive its meaning and value for its adherents. If there is any doctrinal stance underlying *On Common Ground,* it might be said to be that of religious pluralism itself. In the movie on the introductory page of "America's Many Religions,"

there is a series of statements from representatives of various faiths to the effect that, at bottom, it is the same God, or the same life experience, that is being sought by all.

I would recommend this program as an effective and enjoyable introduction to many of the various faiths now practiced in this country. The audiovisual features supply a dimension of learning and experience that cannot be found in print sources, one that will be even further enhanced if and when future editions of the work include real "movies," action sequences of ceremonies and other religious practices. I would not recommend the work as more than a beginning of serious scholarly research. Also, it should not be considered an exhaustive source for names and addresses of religious centers, even for the cities that are covered. *On Common Ground* is an attractive and impressive product—not without its shortcomings, but highly useful in its own sphere. 📖

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[Editor's Note: Diana L. Eck has been named as one of the recipients of the 1998 National Humanities Medal, the highest national honor in the humanities. This information is courtesy of Charles Willard.]

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November Reference Review

The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion. Robert Wuthnow, editor in chief. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1998. 2 vols. Vol 1: xxxvi, 440 pp, 34pp. of index. Vol 2: pp.441–875, 34 pp. of index. Paper meets ANSI Z39.48-1984. ISBN 1-56802-164-x. $224.29.

The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion aims "to describe the historical roots of the relationship between politics and religion in the modern world and to explain the web of their interglobal connections." (I:ix)

In seeking "to serve as a sorely needed guide to understanding, scholarship, and communication"

The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion consists of 256 signed articles by prominent scholars. Articles contain brief bibliographies. There are cross-references. Illustrations include maps and photographs. Articles vary in length. For instance, "Hinduism" spans ten pages, "Thomas Jefferson" a page and a half.

Volume two contains an appendix consisting of selected documents on politics and religion (the first document is Luther's *Ninety-five Theses of 1517,* the last is the *Irish Peace of 1998*), selections from Islamic and Catholic viewpoints, and extracts pertaining to religious belief from several constitutions. For each constitution, an accompanying URL points readers to a fuller text on the World Wide Web.

When opening *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion*, I was especially pleased to discover its global coverage. There are articles that assess the interplay of politics and religion in Canada, Tunisia, and Vietnam. *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion* addresses such fundamental topics as the separation of church and state, pacifism, and Marxism as well as less obvious topics such as paganism and Maryknoll (the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America). *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion* is in touch with current concerns. There are articles on environmentalism and Muammar al-Qaddafi.

Articles are written clearly in English and do not presuppose expert knowledge. While all authors implied by texts have implied biases, *The Encyclopedia's* articles strike me as moderate in tone. The article "Secular Humanism," for instance, discusses that topic primarily in the context of its use by some conservative evangelical Christians in the United States without unduly affirming or denying the value of either an evangelical or a secular humanist viewpoint.

The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion addresses many North American concerns. The article "Homosexuality," for instance, discusses the rise of gay and lesbian efforts to secure civil rights only in the United States, and its discussion of religious attitudes towards homosexuality only mentions Judaism and Islam briefly. Similarly, there is an entire article called "Native Americans" but no article on aborigines or gypsies. There are articles devoted to such important American religious movements and groups as Seventh-day Adventism, the Society of Friends, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion is a well-designed reference tool. Its two-column format with legible font is user friendly. In a fit of printing genius, *Congressional Quarterly* has included the complete index in each volume.

While it still may be advisable not to discuss politics or religion with one's in-laws, in a North American theological reference collection, *The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion* should find its voice. 📖

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December Reference Review

Wasson, D. DeWitt. *Hymntune index and related hymn materials*. Studies in liturgical musicology, 6. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow, 1998. 3 v. (xv, 2612 p.; 29 cm.) $325.00.

This massive work began as a church organist's card file of sources where tunes and related musical materials could be found. The main index includes 33,907 records, not counting cross-references. Each record gives the name of a tune, its melodic pattern in Tonic-Sol-Fa code (with variants), its earliest printed source, other names by which it is known (listed in the index as See references), and collections and hymnals where the tune may be found. Hymn texts are not indexed. The intent of the whole work is to assist the church musician by providing access to settings of tunes.

Tunes from 432 hymnals from dozens of American, European, Canadian, Australian, and African denominations, as well as from hymnals described as 'evangelical' or 'ecumenical,' are indexed, as well as tunes found in 2,154 collections of musical settings. Roman Catholic and Protestant hymnals are included in several languages, as well as Adventist, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormon, Pacifist, Swedenborgian, and Unitarian hymnals. One Pentecostal hymnal and one Jewish hymnal are included. Publication dates for the hymnals are almost all in the twentieth century, up to the mid-1990's (though of course recent hymnals may include ancient tunes).

The first volume of the three-volume set includes, besides prefatory matter, nine indexes to the collections, hymnals, sources, denominations, and melodic patterns of the tunes in the main index. The remaining two volumes contain the main index of tunes listed alphabetically by the name of the tune. Since many hymnals omit the name of the tune, cross-references are made from the first line to the tune main record, where the first lines are listed as "Also Called."

A musician who remembered only the first few notes of the tune could look up the tune first by melodic pattern in Volume 1, and then proceed to the tune's numbered record in the main index, where the name, melodic pattern, date and first publication, and various sources would be listed. Another musician, who remembered only the first few words of the text, or the name of the composer, could use other indexes to locate records. Another musician desiring different settings of a familiar tune could proceed from the tune name to a list of collections of musical settings, or to hymnals which may pair the tune with different texts or different arrangements. Another who wished to locate hymns by a particular composer could do so.

The three volumes are large, clothbound, and sturdy. The layout is clear, with excellent typography, as one would expect from Scarecrow.

As compared with K. S. Diehl's *Hymns and Tunes* (Scarecrow, 1966), Wasson excludes hymn texts but includes a much wider scope of more recent musical material. As compared with D. W. Perry's *Hymns and Tunes Indexed* (Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 1980), Wasson emphasizes American and international, rather than British resources, and is also more current.

Compared to Nicholas Temperley's four-volume *Hymn Tune Index* (Oxford Univ. P., 1998, $500), the definitive source for historical studies of English-language hymn tunes and their histories from 1535 through 1824, Wasson's work includes hymns from languages other than English, and hymns from the late nineteenth century to the present, and more resources for locating performance materials of desired tunes. For librarians wishing to provide church musicians and scholars of church music with comprehensive sources, Temperley and Wasson are complementary, though not exactly symmetrical, works. No theological library supporting courses in church music should be without Wasson. 📖

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January Reference Review

The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions, Bowker, John, ed. Oxford University Press, 1997. ISBN 0192139657

As with so many of the Oxford dictionaries, this work in the area of world religions is a valuable and scholarly resource for libraries. Covering all the major religious traditions, this book gives clear, balanced, and thorough information on a wide range of subjects. While the editor, John Bowker, is British, contributors include major scholars from at least twelve other countries, allowing for a multiplicity of perspectives to be represented.

The dictionary is over 1,000 pages in length, with over 8,200 entries provided by over 80 scholars. Topics include religions, movements, sacred texts, religious figures, sacred sites, and religious customs. Additionally, there is detailed cross-referencing and a topical index listing 13,000 entries.

In addition to the editorship of John Bowker, the dictionary also utilizes consulting editors who deal with such areas as Tibetan religion, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Far Eastern religions, and new religious movements. This breadth of expertise helps ensure the accuracy of information given regarding the various religions.

Entries on average are comprised of five to ten sentences, though they range from as little as one sentence to as much as an entire page in length. Terms and names are transliterated in a consistent manner, and brief bibliographical references are provided at the end of many entries. The layout of the page is conducive for study, even as it also involves a certain density of material.

The dictionary is useful for reference research on particular topics, as well as for general study. Entries that deal with topics related to several religions are particularly interesting and helpful. For

instance, under the term "Pilgrimage" there is information on various religions, such as Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism, and Jainism, whose religious practice include journeys to sacred sites. Likewise, under "Prayer" there is a detailed discussion of how various religions utilize this sacred ritual in worship and devotion.

The *Oxford Dictionary of World Religions* is a useful resource for both public and academic libraries. Religiously based institutions such as liberal arts colleges and seminaries particularly will want to add this resource to their collections. 📖

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What is "Metadata" and Why Should I Care?

The Internet and the World Wide Web have spawned a dizzying spectrum of new words and new meanings for existing words. Some are obscure technical jargon. Some are cutesy slang. Some of them are transitory blips on the screen (remember Archie, Veronica, and Jughead?). Occasionally a new word crystallizes the interaction of an existing goal or practice with new technology, creating a new semantic zone. "Metadata" is such a word.

The definition of metadata is deceptively simple: *Structured data about data*. Periodical indexes and library catalogs are classic examples of metadata. Their primary purpose is to lead readers to other, independent material. In and of themselves, without the material they refer to, they may not be of much interest or use. (Although sometimes metadata may be useful in ways unforeseen by its creators. More about that later.)

The word "metadata" has been in use among data management professionals for more than a decade, but it has entered wider use with the advent of the World Wide Web. The concept is broad enough to cover information ranging from machine-language data regarding the physical location of the binary digits of data, to format specifications identifying the meaning of specific bits in specific contexts, to human-generated descriptions of the intellection content. This broadness can lead to confusion; therefore discussions about metadata tend to focus on distinct types of information relevant to specific functions or activities, e.g. migration, conversion, discovery, and retrieval.

For most librarians and archivists, the most familiar metadata project is the Dublin Core (see http://purl.org/dc). The Dublin Core emerged from a workshop sponsored jointly by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) in March 1995. The Dublin Core is aimed primarily at facilitating the retrieval of Web-based resources by providing a minimal set of descriptive elements that creators can include in their electronic documents. Since it was initially proposed, subsequent workshops have refined it. The Core now consists of fifteen elements. Working groups are at work refining guidelines for applying the elements.

The Dublin Core has several noteworthy attributes. The elements focus on discovery and identification of relevant material. It is a *minimal* set of

The Dublin Core

Title	Other Contributor	Source
Author or Creator	Date	Language
Subject and Keywords	Resource Type	Relation
Description	Format	Coverage
Publisher	Resource Identifier	Rights Management

descriptors, not a comprehensive set. The elements will normally be included *within* the digital objects they describe. Those who create the resources are supposed to apply the elements, not professional catalogers. It should be broadly applicable to different forms and media. Therefore, the Dublin Core provides a useful starting point for anyone preparing electronic resources, whether or not they are generally available over the Internet. However, it addresses only a small percentage of the elements needed for effective data management and preservation.

Let us assume that your electronic data has enduring value, and therefore you want to continue to use it for some years into the future. To do so, you will have to copy it from one digital storage device to another and from one generation of operating system or object management system to another. There will be pitfalls along the way. For example, it is currently impossible to copy a Macintosh file to a Windows-based system without losing metadata supported by the Mac OS but not by Windows. If the file is subsequently transferred back to a Macintosh system, the operating system may not be able to properly identify and interpret the data.

This type of problem is not limited to matters related to different operating systems. Most of us have experienced data loss moving a word processing document from one software package to another because the second package either cannot accurately interpret the internal structure of the original file or cannot render it in the same way. Although Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) files are supposed to be standardized and platform-independent, problems develop because there have been several generations of the TIFF specification and because it allows for implementation-based modifications. The MARC communications format specifies the ASCII character set, but many mainframe systems stored the data in EBCDIC (an alternative encoding scheme used primarily by IBM mainframes). For that mat-

ter, how many bits make up a character? Eight? Ten? Sixteen? Thirty-two? Different systems have been used all these over the years.

All this metadata about the origin, about any subsequent alterations and transformations, and about the internal structure of data is essential to preserving its usability and functionality. Thousands of authors have written books using word processing in the past twenty years, but how many of those electronic texts would be usable today? Our friends at ATLA in Evanston can testify to the difficulties of recovering content data from typesetting tapes. NASA has roomfuls of taped data received from early solar system exploration vehicles that it cannot interpret anymore because the documentation of its structure is incomplete and the systems used to gather it were scrapped years ago. This is the probable fate of much of cultural record of the late twentieth century.

There is considerable discussion underway about issues of structural and related metadata. The Council on Library and Information Resources (http://www.clir.org) has taken a leading role in addressing issues of digital preservation, particularly through the Commission on Preservation and Access (http://www.clir.org/programs/cpa/cpa.html) and the Digital Library Federation (http://www.clir.org/diglib/dlfhomepage.htm). CPA and the Research Libraries Group produced a foundational report on "Preserving Digital Information" (http://www.rlg.org/ArchTF/) in 1996. Again, this report is a good beginning for anyone planning an ongoing commitment to maintaining digital data but much remains to be done. The moral of the story is: document your digitization projects thoroughly unless you are prepared to redo them in the future.

There are other intriguing aspects to metadata. There can be multiple approaches to using the same metadata to access data. For example, you can see two different ways to retrieve images from the *California Heritage Collection* at the University of Califor-

nia, Berkeley. Both use a typical Web-based keyword retrieval approach. The first takes the user through the text of the finding aid (http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/CalHeritage/). The second indexes the same text (the same metadata), but takes the user directly to the images (http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/ImageCatalog/). Neither approach is necessarily the *best,* but one approach or the other may be better for a given purpose. Try searching "bridges" and notice the paths you follow to materials in the "1934 International Longshoremen's Association and General Strike." (Incidentally, the Berkeley Digital Library SunSITE [http://sunsite.berkeley.edu] is a gold mine of useful information about all aspects of digitization projects.)

One person's metadata can become another person's data. If I want to study cultural history, I might analyze the distribution of book publication by classification over time in a large cataloging database like the Library of Congress. Re-application of data for new purposes is becoming common as we accumulate substantial historical databases. "Data mining," which analyzes data for complex patterns and tendencies, is a rapidly developing area of research.

On the Web, data and metadata have a tendency to form a complex, layered matrix where it quickly becomes unclear where the data leaves off and the metadata begins. Consider Amazon.com, where customers can review and rate material for potential buyers. Once a customer selects a title at Amazon.com, the system routinely suggests additional titles based on what other customers buying the same title also ordered. Thus, Amazon.com exploits its customers' activities as data. Current authors admit to lurking on the system to see how the public is receiving their works. So the data seems to develop a life of its own, assuming uses it was not originally intended to have.

Perhaps that is the most fascinating thing the concept of metadata brings to light. Although the object of understanding, discussing, and attempting to standardize and manage metadata is to *control* our data. Yet, data *does* take on a life of its own, finding new purposes and new audiences that we did not anticipate. Metadata helps enhance and preserve the usefulness of the data we publish, but it may do so in unexpected ways. We can apply metadata thoughtfully to manage and guide, but we may never again be able to control fully the way our data is used. 📖

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News from ATLA Staff

Report from the Executive Director

Headquarters Lease Extended

ATLA recently completed negotiations with First Bank and Trust of Evanston (current owners of the 820 Church Street building) to extend our lease from August 2001 to February 2003. Extension of the lease gives the Association more time to consider headquarters options for the future and to make viable an investment in improving the fourth floor facilities to the same level as the restored third floor currently occupied by Index and Preservation staff. Current plans call for fourth floor work to begin immediately following the Annual Conference. Conference attendees are invited to visit the headquarters at any time during the conference, an easy trip on the CTA from Loyola University, site of the 1999 Annual Conference.

Advisory Committees Meet

During the past three years we have established three advisory committees to provide counsel and advice to staff about a variety of issues. Our intention in establishing these committees was twofold: 1) to utilize the expertise and experience of Association members to test the soundness of ideas and programs staff are developing and 2) to hear from the committee members about member concerns and goals so that the products and services we create reflect authentic member concerns.

On January 16 and 17, members of the three Advisory Committees met simultaneously at ATLA headquarters. Although each committee focused on specific issues and problems, all three devoted time and effort to suggesting programs and services that ATLA could provide members through its new Web site capabilities. ATLA staff will utilize the advisory committees' recommendations to formulate a Web development plan that establishes priorities for programs and services.

We are grateful to the three committees and these members for participating in the midwinter meeting:

Annual Report Forthcoming

In February all ATLA members will receive the

Technology Advisory Committee

Duane Harbin, Chair	Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
Jackie Ammerman	Hartford Seminary
Sharon Taylor	Andover Newton Theological School
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David Wartluft	Lutheran Theological Seminary

first Annual Report. The Annual Report will include information about ATLA programs and accomplishments during the 1998 fiscal year (September 1, 1997–August 31, 1998). We invite your comments and suggestions for improving future annual reports.

Grant Applications

ATLA has one major grant proposal pending and another in preparation. A proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities to support the preservation microfilming of 230 religious journals from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries is currently being reviewed. Announcements about successful grants will be made in early April.

ATLA staff are currently preparing a major proposal to support the **ATLAS** project, a project that would link the *ATLA Religion Database* to the full-text electronic version of fifty major religion journals. Negotiations are currently underway with publishers, scholarly societies, and potential funding agencies for this important project.

As currently conceived, the **ATLAS** project is distinguishable from other electronic journal projects in several important ways:

- it will provide electronic text of entire runs of journals [1]
- it will provide a link for the first time between an academic discipline's comprehensive index and full-text electronic copies of its journals [2]
- it will enhance the value of membership in scholarly societies of the discipline by providing essential research tools for their members [3]
- it will provide assistance to publishers in the discipline by encouraging the expansion of their market and facilitating their transition to electronic formats [4]
- it will develop a cost model for the discipline that is innovative and creative and provides assurance that essential journal literature of the discipline will be available to future scholars [5]
- it will enlist leading scholars in the field to offer advice and counsel on the selection and evaluation of journals to include in the program. [6]

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[1]Most electronic journal projects begin with the current volume and digitize future issues, ignoring earlier volumes. While

this practice might be acceptable for fields like business or science most theological research depends upon an historical overview of the literature.

[2]Most digital journal projects provide graphic images of the text linked by a few identifying categories in the header. The **ATLAS** project will be the first to link journal text to the comprehensive index of the discipline.

[3]No other digital journal project has worked directly with the scholarly societies of the discipline. Both SBL and AAR are committed to working with ATLA to support the **ATLAS** project.

[4]In sharp contrast to most academic fields, publishers of journals in religion tend to produce just one or two journals in the field, largely through volunteer labor, and sponsored by an association or an institution. The **ATLAS** project offers them technical assistance and access to a broader audience than they could achieve on their own.

[5]In a time of dramatic turmoil and chance in the field of scholarly publishing, ATLA is in a unique position to assure the survival and growth of the scholarly literature of religion. ATLA has already demonstrated its commitment and skill through the fifty year of the indexes and the preservation filming programs.

[6]Through the leadership of the Wabash Center, the **ATLAS** advisory board will guide the project by helping identify the fifty core journals to be included initially and providing ongoing counsel as the project expands its coverage after its initial stage.

New Staff Member Welcomed

ATLA is pleased to welcome Dr. James Adair to our staff. Prior to joining ATLA staff in January 1999, Dr. Adair served as Director of Information Services at Scholars Press in Atlanta for the past five years. He developed the TELA Web site, edits the first electronic religious journal (*TC—Textual Criticism)*, and led Sela, Scholar Press' pilot digitization project. Dr. Adair will continue to reside in Atlanta as he leads ATLA in developing the **ATLAS** project. Dr. Adair envisions this project as the initial project of what will become the Center for Electronic Texts in Religion (CETR) a center for a variety of digital projects and programs in theological and religious studies.

New Windows Version of the ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM

NexData of Boulder, Colorado is redesigning the Windows version of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM*. This new version will feature a much more user-friendly interface, pop-up help screens, a more useful and accessible thesaurus, and the ability to link to local holdings. All current data-

Staff Travel

January 28–31	Philadelphia	*ALA Midwinter*	Whittlesey, Kracke
February 20–23	Philadelphia.	*NFAIS Conference*	Norlin
March 7–8	Indianapolis	*Wabash Center Meeting*	Norlin, Adair
April 8–10	Detroit	*ACRL Conference*	Whittlesey, Derrenbacker, Decatur, Weed, Adamek, Norlin
April 16	Louisville	*ATLA Regional Meeting*	Norlin
April 22–24	San Diego	*American Society of Church History*	Haymes
May 11–13	Denver	*Preservation Workshop*	Norlin
May 23–25	Sercy, AR	*Christian College Librarians' Conference*	Haymes

base customers will be sent the new version in April at no charge to solicit their ideas and suggestions. Beginning with the August 1999 edition of the CD, the new Windows version will be incorporated in the regular CD-ROM production.

Old Testament Abstracts Retrospective Completed

ATLA has completed a major retrospective conversion project that will result in the complete run of *Old Testament Abstracts* being included in the next volume, to be released in April. Until this time *Old Testament Abstracts on CD-ROM* included only the most recent five years' data. The new edition will cover 1979–1999. 📕

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Staff at ACRL

From April 8 to April 11, ATLA staff will attend the national conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries in Detroit. ACRL, the largest division of the American Library Association, with 11,000 members, draws its membership from a wide range of academic institutions, among them research/doctoral granting universities, undergraduate/master degree universities, and four-

year colleges.

Some smaller, four-year liberal arts colleges already use the ATLA Religion Database through SilverPlatter, FirstSearch, and OVID. We hope to meet some of these customers in Detroit. But many ACRL members are unaware of our presence as both the producer of the essential bibliographic tools for scholarly research and as an association of librarians interested in theology and religious studies. This group is a relatively untapped source of ATLA members and customers. Through notices in the ACRL monthly news magazine *(C&RL News),* the ACRL conference program book, and our conference booth in Detroit, we hope to encourage librarians to learn about us as an association—the benefits of membership and the depth and precision of our research tools. By developing a broader member and customer base, we expect to strengthen the organization for the continuing task of providing "access to the scholarly literature of religion."

If you are an ATLA member attending the conference and have an hour or two to spare, would you consider joining us at our booth? The surest source of new members and new customers is someone who can speak firsthand about the association. Please contact Merry Weed if you would like to participate (phone 888-665-2852 or email mweed@atla.com). The exhibit hours are Thursday, April 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and April 9 and 10, 9:00

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 📖

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Report from ATLA's Development Officer

At times life is a jack rabbit moving with great leaps, other times it is a tortoise with its deliberate, steady, and slow progress. Often this yin and yang represents growth, whether in the realm of experience, finances, or insight.

At this point I want to celebrate with you the slow, steady growth of our Endowment Fund. It began like a jackrabbit with a gift of stock in 1993. Prior to that there had been only a token entry of $100.00 in 1992, the year of its inauguration. Since that point there has been slow, deliberate growth year by year—nothing exceptional—and it would be wonderful to see another jackrabbit or two appear along the path. But the slow and steady is accomplishing a good deal.

In 1998, due to a number of factors, no general appeal was made until the very end of the year. But a number of you responded promptly so that I am pleased to report the receipt of gifts totaling $2,322.50 in 1998. Because of these gifts in cash, matching funds of $4,645.00 were also moved to the Endowment Fund.

Because we have these funds invested by Board action in a common pool with other non-profits and because this has been a good year of growth for investments, our steady contributions since 1992 have also seen gains in 1998 through interest, dividends, and gains on investments of an additional $19,878.89.

The result, I am happy to report, has allowed us to meet our goal to have exceeded $100,000 by the end of 1998. In fact, our Endowment Fund's market value stands at $108,323.90.

We have urged you to contact us regarding your views on the deployment of earnings. And we have received a number of recommendations and opinions from members. The range is wide and the replies have been modest in number. As we share recommendations from those to whom you have entrusted ATLA's leadership, we hope to find consensus on supporting and expanding the association's impact through wise use of this asset.

A hearty "thank you" to all whom have contributed to the Endowment Fund in this past year. Even as we clarify goals for the fund we encourage you to continue to respond with your gifts. Now that we have crossed the threshold, how quickly can we reach the next milestone of $200,000? 📖

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Report from ATLA's Grants Officer Consultant

Below, please find a summary of external development activities underway:

Grant Proposal
A preliminary proposal to make available in electronic form a core collection of fifty significant scholarly journals in the field of religion was sent to the Lilly Foundation in December for review. If funded, this project would initially be a collaborative effort on the part of ATLA, Scholars Press, Sheffield Academic Press, and several other leading publishers.

Corporate Sponsorship
Space is quite limited at this year's annual conference site for exhibitors. As of January 15, 1999 most tables have been reserved. We have commitments from the following businesses/organizations: The American Theological Library Association, Baker & Taylor, Cathedral Foundation, D & F Scott Publishing, Inc., David C. Lachman, Eerdman's Publishing, K.G. Saur Research Collections, Loome Theological Booksellers, Neukirchener Verlag, Pacific Data Conversion Corp., Powell's Book Shop, Scarecrow Press, Scholarly Resources, Scholar's Choice, Scholars Press, Stroud Booksellers, and Walter de Gruyter, Inc.

Membership registration fees do not fully underwrite the cost of the annual conference. As a result, some businesses/organizations have verbally committed to underwriting selected portions of the conference to help "fill the gap" between registra-

tion fees and actual conference costs by sponsoring selected events of the conference.

Of interest to you in your library fundraising efforts may be the book by Adam Corson-Finnerty and Laura Blanchard, *Fundraising and Friend-Raising on the Web* (ALA, 1998). 📖

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From the Director of Member Services

This is the season of visits, from the trek to Bethlehem to the visit of St. Nicholas down the chimney. The winter visits we make to loved ones and visits made to us are occasioned by the desire to share the holiday season, perhaps to re-live some remembered Christmas when the snows were waist deep and the cookies homemade. Whether the nostalgia is based in truth or in a desire to believe that's the way it was doesn't really matter, I suppose. The point is that at this time of year most of us want to gather with those people important to us for a variety of reasons. We may gather with friends for a few hours to share eggnog on New Year's or Boxing Day, or we may move into our parental home for a week or more over Christmas. And when we visit, we hope at some level that something amazing and wonderful will happen, and so we prepare for these visits with care.

Here at the ATLA office, we are preparing for a visit. In January a committee of three Board members will come to take a firsthand look at the Member Services Department to see where we've been, where we are, and where we might go from here to reflect the organizational ends established by the Board. This on-site inspection of headquarters occurs in a cycle that brings Board representatives to look at ATLA products, personnel, and member services in turn every year. Besides the inspection team, we will also host the ATLA Board of Directors at their mid-winter meeting and the three groups that help us with their advice and counsel to provide the best service and products that we can. These are the Membership Advisory Committee, the Technology Advisory Committee, and the Preservation Advisory Committee.

Like other visits of the season, this one by the Board and advisory committees is an occasion for making connections and for reflection. We will open our files, offer our hopes for the development of the association, listen carefully to what our leaders would like the Association to be, and work together in trust and mutuality to the benefit of all our members. I fully expect that we will all leave the visit feeling good about ourselves and confident in the direction we are going.

Isn't that how visits are supposed to end? 📖

Karen Whittlesey
Director of Member Services

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From the Director of Indexes

The Move
On December 17 the Index and Preservation Departments completed their move to the third floor of the 820 Church Street building. Eleven staff moved down the two flights of stairs along with their desks, chairs, computers, bookshelves and reference books. The Executive Director and the staffs of Member and Information services continue to reside on fourth floor.

The indexing staff has new workstations and the editors now have their own private offices. New office furniture was purchased from Rieke Office Interiors (http://www.rieke.com). It is our expectation that this new space will provide more comfort, more quiet, and result in greater productivity and better quality for all of our index products. Please come visit us in June when you come to annual conference in Chicago!

1999 Shipping Dates for ATLA
Print Indexes:

February 15–19	*RIT* 1998 Annual
May 17–21	*IBRR* 1998 Annual
May 31–June 5	*IBRR* January–March 1999

quarterly

June 14–18   *RIO* 1998 Annual

July 26–30   *IBRR* April–June 1999
                   quarterly

October 25–29   *RIO* volume 31 semi-annual

October 25–29   *IBRR* July–September 1999
                   quarterly

Index Staff News

Chantal Jean-Baptiste, the Editor of *IBRR,* has published a book of poems entitled *Promised Land: Poems from the journey.* It has been written under the pen name Katríel. Copies can be ordered from the publisher ONPP, at P.O. Box 497198, Chicago, IL 60649.

Reminder

If there are new journals (print or electronic) that you would like to see evaluated for inclusion in the *ATLA Religion Database* please notify me. For print journals the publishers need to send one copy of two of their most recent issues along with a cover letter describing their mission statement, editorial board, and circulation. For electronic journals they may send me e-mail and include their URL.

Also, if there are multi-author works for *Religion Index: Two* please forward title and publisher information to Erica Treesh (etreesh@atla.com).

We look forward to hearing from you. 📖

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Research in Ministry (RIM®) 1998

With the printing and shipping of *Research in Ministry (RIM) 1998* in January 1999, this essential research service ends two decades as a printed index and begins a transition to a twenty-first-century electronic database. In 2000 *RIM 1999* and the entire *RIM* data file of 6,173 bibliographic records will be available to all visitors to the ATLA Web site. In

1999 *RIM* continues as a printed index and as an integral part of the *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM.*

Research in Ministry documents projects in professional ministry studies sponsored by institutions accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Submission forms for *RIM 1999* have been mailed to the program directors of these institutions for distribution to DMin candidates who have completed their work. *RIM* is edited by Don Haymes, who formerly edited *Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO). RIM* 1999 indexes 516 Doctor of Ministry/Missions project reports and provides author abstracts for 497 of the entries. These projects are indexed in 2,068 subject entries under 1,013 subject descriptors.

Theological seminaries are centers of scholarship in the disciplines of theological discourse. At the same time they exist, naturally and intentionally, to educate candidates for ministry. Seminaries are often criticized for failure to uphold either or both of these values. The theoretical demands of scholarship are often opposed to the practical necessities of ministry, and one or the other is elevated or denigrated. The tension provokes suspicion and, sometimes, hostility.

Yet the ideal of a "learned ministry" remains. Since the 1960s seminaries and universities affiliated with the Association of Theological Schools and the American Theological Library Association have offered courses leading to the degree of Doctor of Ministry. In contrast to more traditional doctoral programs—the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Theology (Th.D.)—candidates for the Doctor of Ministry degree are grounded, typically, not in texts but in human experience. Doctor of Ministry studies are, as Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore and William R. Meyers wrote in 1989, "an exercise in practical theology." Candidates for the D.Min. almost always hold a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) or its equivalent; as veterans in some field of minstry or mission they seek the tools and skills necessary to grapple with new issues or persistent problems. They may be encouraged to read widely and deeply in academic and professional literature, but not as an end in itself. Their studies direct them, as Miller-McLemore and Myers have pointed out, to "qualitative research with living human documents."

By 1969 there were 325 students enrolled in

D.Min. programs, and through the 1970s this enrollment expanded exponentially; by 1979 there were 5,327 students seeking a D.Min. degree. With this explosion in Doctor of Ministry studies, degree-granting institutions and degree-seeking students immediately encountered problems of documentation. Faculty and students in Ph.D. and Th.D. programs have long been able to consult *Dissertation Abstracts* and other resources to determine what has been done and derive new avenues of research. These tools are also invaluable for research in many fields, pointing students and scholars to important works of scholarship designed to make "a contribution to knowledge." At the beginning of the 1980s no such resource documented the contributions of Doctor of Ministry projects.

Responding to this need, ATLA in 1981 began systematically collecting data from D.Min. degree recipients and degree-granting institutions. These data include bibliographic information about each project, including author, title, pagination, the name of the faculty advisor, and the institution where the study was conducted. Most entries include an abstract of the work prepared with the author and edited by ATLA, and all have been indexed for subject access. By 1983 ATLA was able to issue the first volume of *Research in Ministry,* covering the entries gathered since 1981.

RIM has been issued annually since 1983. These records cover D.Min. projects produced between 1970 and 1998 at ATS institutions. Subscription to *RIM 1998* is available at $75.00, and all previous issues are in stock for immediate shipment. All *RIM* issues from 1981–1990 are also available on three microfiche (48x) for $60.00. 📖

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FirstSearch®

The ATLA/OCLC FirstSearch consortium, which allows access to sixty databases for eligible ATLA institutional members, had a very successful start. There are twenty-one schools participating, providing reference services to over 5500 FTEs. The participating libraries have access to sixty OCLC FirstSearch databases, including Wilson Select, a full-text collection of more than 800 journals. The consortium has been sufficiently subscribed to enable ATLA to purchase an additional port for the group. In addition, because we will probably be able to extend the consortium for a second year, it is still not too late for your school's library to participate. If your library is an institutional member, and not involved in a consortial agreement with OCLC, you may still join the ATLA/OCLC group. Independent OCLC/FirstSearch users may also be eligible to participate in our group. Please contact me for details about joining. 📖

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Positions Open

Administrative Librarian
Memphis Theological Seminary

Memphis Theological Seminary is seeking an Administrative Librarian to begin on August 1, 1999. Responsibilities include staff supervision, collection development, and budget preparation. Familiarity with the SIRSI:Unicorn library system is important.

Full position description is available from Dean Donald K. McKim, Memphis Theological Seminary, 168 E. Parkway South at Union, Memphis, TN 38104-4395 (e-mail: dmckim@mtscampus.edu) and at http://www.mtscampus.edu. Deadline: April 1, 1999. 📖

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Associate Librarian
Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary

Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary (CBC/CTS) invite applications for the position of Associate Librarian for Technical and Public Services at the Archibald Foundation Library.

CBC and CTS are, respectively, the official college and seminary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in Canada. They are accredited with their respective accrediting agencies: the AABC (Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges) and the ATS (Association of Theological Schools). CTS is, in addition, affiliated with the University of Regina. CBC and CTS share a campus in Regina, Saskatchewan, and have a combined enrollment of over 500 students.

The Archibald Foundation Library has a collection of about 70,000 volumes and subscribes to 519 periodicals. Collection strengths are: evangelicalism, missions, biblical studies, and spirituality. The special collection and archives are devoted to the history and thought of the C&MA, and are among the most comprehensive collections available on those subjects. The staff of the library includes one FTE professional and three FTE clerical workers.

Responsibilities
The responsibilities of the Associate Librarian include: the supervision of public services and technical services, and the oversight and development of the library's computer applications.

Qualifications
Requirements of the position include: ALA-accredited master's degree in library or information science, two years' professional experience in technical services in an automated academic library, strong computer skills, the ability to work both independently and collegially, and evidence of successful administrative and supervisory skills. A second master's degree in theology or a related discipline, and the ability to teach at least one undergraduate course, would be an asset.

Librarians at CBC/CTS enjoy many of the privileges of faculty status and are expected to sign the Statement of Faith of the C&MA.

Deadline for applications: March 1, 1999.

Anticipated date of appointment: July 1, 1999.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and residents of Canada.

Letters of application, accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, should be sent to H.D. (Sandy) Ayer, Director of Library Services, Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary, 4400 4th Ave., Regina, Sask., S4T 0H8. Phone: (306) 545-1515; Fax: (306) 545-0210; E-mail: hdayer@cbccts.sk.ca. 📖

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Director of the Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary

Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York prepares students in professional and research degree programs for leadership in the church, academy, and society. The Burke Library is a large and comprehensive theological research library. It supports the mission of the Seminary and is the theological library of record for the city of New York.

It collaborates closely with, among others, the Libraries of Columbia University and St. Mark's Library of General Theological Seminary.

The Director of the Burke Library is the chief officer of the Library, reports to the President of the seminary, and is a member of the President's senior staff. The Director is ordinarily appointed with faculty rank. The Director is responsible for all aspects of administration of the Library and the supervision of its staff.

The Library Director will possess the vision and exercise advocacy for the Library to meet the following challenges:

- collection development program
- environmental conditions in the Library
- integral planning for space and technology
- library security
- retrospective conversion of the Library's card catalog
- review of technical services with the new department head

Qualifications for the Director are:

- experience in academic research libraries with an understanding of their operation and the challenges they face
- understanding of theological education and the literature of religious studies
- strong management skills and a collegial style that supports the professionalism and initiative of staff
- demonstrated skills for support of research
- ability to represent the Library and its programs to supporters and constituencies
- graduate degrees in librarianship and/or theological or religious studies

Please apply to Office of the President, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York, New York 10027 by December 31, 1998. 📖

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Project Archivist
Union Theological Seminary

The Burke Library is seeking an experienced

processing archivist with a background in religious, institutional, or philanthropic archives to process the papers of the Fund for Theological Education, a collection comprising ca. 150 c.f. The FTE, established in the early 1950s, became a leading force in support of excellence in theological study and the wider inclusion of African Americans and Hispanic Americans in theological education. To date close to 5,000 scholarships have been awarded, and the Fund can number among its past recipients some of today's most eminent theological educators and clergy.

A bachelor's degree in history or related field is required, as is experience in processing archival collections. A master's degree in history or library science is strongly preferred.

The position is temporary—the project is expected to last approximately four months at 35 hours per week. Rate of pay is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To apply, send resume and references to Claire McCurdy, Archivist and Head, Special Collections, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York, NY, 10027. Fax: 212/280-1456. E-mail: awt@uts.columbia.edu. 📖

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Public Services Librarian
Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

Description
The librarian in this position is responsible for coordinating reference service and the circulation operations of the Divinity Library. Responsibilities also include active participation in the library's efforts in electronic services and the use of technology in teaching, learning, and research. With other library staff, this librarian will contribute to the library's evaluation, planning, and development of library resources and services.

Qualifications
A commitment to public service; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; ability to work in a highly collaborative environment; and the abil-

ity to embrace a rapidly changing information environment are required. An ALA-accredited M.L.S., experience in a theological or academic library, and coursework in religious studies or a Master's or Doctorate in religious/theological studies and extensive experience in a theology or academic library are required. Reading competence in one or more European and one or more biblical languages is highly desirable.

Environment

Vanderbilt University consists of ten schools and colleges with an enrollment of over 10,000. The university is served by The Jean and Alexander Heard Library, which has a collection of over 2.3 million volumes and a staff of 220. Vanderbilt is a member of the Association for Research Libraries and SOLINET. The library is highly automated with an online system based on Sirsi software. The Divinity Library, with a of staff six and 6.5 FTE student workers, houses the university's religion/theology materials and supports the professional and graduate programs of the Divinity School, Graduate Department of Religion, and undergraduate teaching in religion. The collection consists of more than 175,000 volumes with special collection strengths in Biblical Studies and Judaica. Vanderbilt is located in Nashville, Tennessee, a major business and educational center in the mid-South with a population of over one million in the metropolitan statistical area.

Compensation

Salary negotiable ($28,000 minimum). Benefits are those applicable to exempt employees of Vanderbilt University, including health care insurance; retirement plan options; a tuition discount program; and paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave.

Applications

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application—addressing your suitability for this position—and resume, with names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Gail R. Workman, Library Personnel Officer, Vanderbilt University Library, 419 21st Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37240-0007. Vanderbilt University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Minorities, persons with disabilities, and women are particularly encouraged to apply. 📖

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Reference and Systems Librarian
Covenant Theological Seminary
St. Louis, Missouri

Covenant is the denominational seminary of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals. The Seminary has almost 900 students, with 600 on campus and others in D.Min. and various extension programs.

Responsibilities

The Reference and Systems Librarian has primary responsibility for public services, bibliographic instruction, and library computer systems. The public services role includes supervision of assisting staff. Bibliographic instruction is assisted by the Technical Services and Research Librarian. Besides daily reference work, circulation oversight, management of course reserves, coordination with the campus MIS Department, etc., the Reference and Systems Librarian engages in evaluation, planning, and other assistance to the Director as a key team player in a small, collegial Library.

Qualifications

A strong undergraduate program plus the M.Div. are minimal requirements. The M.L.S. is desired and, if lacking it, must be secured over the first several years (tuition assistance possible). Ability to write and speak well is required. Ability to perform tasks of a small library "systems librarian" is essential (networked PC, Windows environment, rapid developments). Familiarity with theological bibliography and a proclivity for both traditional and electronic reference work are required. Knowledge of Presbyterian history and polity is preferred. Ability to conceptualize and at times physically execute tasks such as furniture or equipment reconfigurations is essential. Within a forty-hour workweek, the ability to cover certain evening and/or Saturday hours is essential.

Position available July 1, 1999. Applications will be received until the position is filled. Send cover letter, resume, and three references (with address, phone numbers, and e-mail address) to: James C. Pakala, Library Director, Covenant Theological Seminary, 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63141. Fax: 314-434-4819. E-mail: jpakala@covenantseminary.edu. 📖

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Research Librarian
Ashland Theological Seminary

Ashland Theological Seminary, a conservative evangelical seminary with 700 students, invites resumes from individuals for the position of Research Librarian (Fall of '99). Candidate must hold an M.L.S. with additional graduate study in some area of theology preferred. Interpersonal skills and good communication skills are essential. Candidates should also demonstrate ability in computer technology, electronic databases, Internet, and World Wide Web applications.

Applications should be sent to: Dr. David deSilva, Ashland Theological Seminary, 910 Center Street, Ashland, OH 44805. Visit ATS's Web site at http://www.ashland.edu/seminary.html. 📖

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Serials/Acquisitions Librarian
Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick Library

The Jesuit-Krauss-McCormick (JKM) Library in Chicago, IL serves over 800 students and faculty at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and at McCormick Theological Seminary. Responsibilities for the serials/acquisitions librarian include the oversight of JKM's 900+ serials subscriptions, the ordering of all materials, and the tracking of library accounts related to acquisitions. Requirements include an ALA-accredited MLS and at least three years of prior serials/acquisitions experience. Preference given to candidates with theological training or experience with automated library systems, especially Ameritech Horizon. Salary commensurate with ex-

perience.

Position available beginning 7/1/99. Please send cover letter, resume and references before March 15, 1999 to Homer Ashby, Interim Director of the JKM Library, McCormick Theological Seminary, 5555 S Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-1692. AA-EEOC. 📖